

May 17, 2011

KPFHP Steering Committee Meeting

11 am – 12:07 pm

Location: USFWS Office, Soldotna

Present	Present	Absent
Mike Edwards, USFWS	Robert Ruffner, KWF	Sue Mauger, CIK
	Rhonda Orth, KWF	John Lang, USFS
	Doug Limpinsel, NOAA	Cecil Rich, ADF&G
	Ricky Gease, KRSA	Ginny Litchfield, ADF&G
	Marie McCarty, KHLT (11:15)	Brent Johnson, KPB
	Peter Micciche, COS (11:45 ?)	

The year schedule planned for initial letter to seek proposals out in May

Robert will write it but what are the priorities?

The first year the Board's interim priorities were followed

Not holding partnerships to that anymore

Probably no new allocation of funds this next year ~ \$90,000

Three different approaches to consider:

- 1) Follow the Board's interim priorities
- 2) Follow the KPFHP priorities
- 3) Focus on educating the policy makers

Don't like "shotgun" wide open approach including all strategic plan

(Marie joins)

Follow MatSu's path with a threat analysis?

Threat analysis would be good place to use funding

Top ranked KPFHP is to determine ranking of projects for funding

Threat analysis could be tool to accomplish this task

Mechanics of project ranking is done – just needs tweaked

Need to fill in data gaps

Is there baseline info to gather?

What are the top 5 priorities for KPFHP as ranked by the whole committee?

1. Develop ranking and recommended projects
2. Restore fish passage barriers
3. Update and improve inventory of fish passage barriers
4. Establish and maintain prioritized inventory of fish habitat restoration projects
5. Monitor stream temperatures

To focus on number 1 – should be 2 pronged

Gap analysis – we don't know where we don't have data

Threat analysis – use Conservation Area Plan (CAP)

The call for proposal letter could address two things:

Data gap analysis – be specific – example: in stream flow reservations

CAP is a long process – 18 mos to 2-year endeavor

MatSu process worked well – they had lots of time and money

Kept the focus on: fish, water, habitat

Should give to TNC to do – or write up as for proposals?

Is \$90,000 enough? Not sure

*Mike to talk to John – make sure internal planning process vs “turning dirt”
is ok

Robert needs to talk to Corrine and Randy at TNC

A lot of the work is already accomplished

Could split funding for project (\$10-20K) and gap analysis over 2-3 years

Robert and Doug are only 2 familiar with CAP process

Corrine could provide valuable insight

Video conference possible between Anch/Kenai USFWS offices

This could mean no call going out, but letter to partnership defining direction

*Robert to contact Corrine about the following:

Can she give a ½ hour presentation on their CAP process?

Is TNC interested in facilitating the CAP process?

Do they have time to do it?

Robert can't facilitate it – would need to hire someone

The feedback from the meeting regarding educating policy makers

We're not ignoring direction – Gillian will be presenting

Need to get meeting notes out today – need feedback from other steering committee

Everyone needs to be on board

Next regular meeting is scheduled for June 7

This idea relates to the highest scored task in the scoring exercise

Important Kenai Peninsula Borough Ordinance hearing tonight and June 7

Include all salmon bearing streams on Kenai Peninsula to the 50' buffer?

Testify in person either night

Put comments in writing to be included in board packet – need by Friday,

Robert to put out info today

Clarify meeting schedule --- 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month